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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on September 19, 2016 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room B, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Sandy Elliott, CNM; Richard Henderson, MD; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Leena Paul, MD; Delphos Price, CRNA; Manisha Wadhwa, MD(at 4:50 pm); Megan Williams, FNP

ABSENT: Mary Diamond, DO

GUESTS: Jill Englund Jensen

PRESIDING: Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

STAFF: Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, Executive Director - Division of Professional Regulation; Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the August 22, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Elliott. Mr. Price abstained. The motion passed by majority.

3. 0 New Business

3.1. Introduction of new committee member – Dr. Henderson was introduced. Dr. Williams noted that Dr. Castaldo will be joining the committee next month as a new member, representing the CRNAs. This is Mr. Price's last meeting. Dr. Williams praised Mr. Price for his leadership, creative thinking, and contributions in the work of the APRN committee.

3.2. An update on the Rules and Regulations - was provided by Ms. Singh. The new nursing rules and regulations will be in effect on October 11, 2016.

3.3. Discussion regarding the development of FAQs – Board members identified potential questions and answers for the FAQs on independent practice. Discussion included questions such as: what is a licensed health care delivery system and who can sign that type of collaborative agreement; how do we define collaboration; when can a collaborative agreement be relinquished; what must the practice log

contain; what questions need to be on an independent practice application? The development of the FAQs will be continued in the next meeting.

4.0. Public Comment – was offered by Ms. Jill Englund Jensen; she noted that there is a difference between collaboration and a collaborative agreement and provided examples. Dr. Williams thanked Ms. Englund Jensen for her remarks.

Ms. Elliott requested consideration of changing the November and December meeting dates due to the holidays; November 14th and December 12th were suggested, if conference room space was available. The committee members agreed; Dr. Mack will confirm for the members.

5.0 Next Meeting Date – October 17, 2016, Conference Room A

6.0 Adjournment – 6:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Mack", written in dark ink.

Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, PMHCNS,
Executive Director, Board of Nursing